

AMENDMENTS TO LB814  
(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

1           1. Strike section 100 and insert the following new section:  
2           Sec. 100. AGENCY NO. 25 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
3           Program No. 354 - Child Welfare Aid

	FY2023-24	FY2024-25
4           GENERAL FUND	191,837,350	196,756,746
5           FEDERAL FUND est.	58,010,814	59,496,793
6           PROGRAM TOTAL	249,848,164	256,253,539

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8           There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2023-24  
9           \$191,837,350 General Funds and \$58,010,814 Federal Funds estimate for  
10          state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included  
11          in the appropriation to this program for FY2024-25 \$196,756,746 General  
12          Funds and \$59,496,793 Federal Funds estimate for state aid, which shall  
13          only be used for such purpose.

14          There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for  
15          FY2023-24 \$3,000,000 federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
16          funds for domestic violence services. There is included in the amount  
17          shown as aid for this program for FY2024-25 \$3,000,000 federal Temporary  
18          Assistance for Needy Families funds for domestic violence services. It is  
19          the intent of the Legislature to continue such appropriations in future  
20          years.

21          There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for  
22          FY2023-24 \$1,000,000 General Funds to make a grant available for a  
23          licensed residential child-care agency which provides outreach services  
24          to homeless youth in a city of the primary class as of July 1, 2023, to  
25          facilitate housing for pregnant and parenting homeless youth to be  
26          located in a city of the primary class.

1           It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Children  
2 and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services  
3 provide a rate increase to child welfare providers under Program 354 by  
4 using unspent federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars reappropriated to  
5 the department by the Legislature. Such rate increase should be equal to  
6 an across-the-board increase of three percent in FY2023-24 and two  
7 percent in FY2024-25. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that  
8 such rate increases as described be acknowledged and accounted for by the  
9 department as base rate increases for purposes of publishing rate  
10 schedules and for purposes of preparing budget requests in future  
11 years. In addition, the following five services shall receive additional  
12 increases in FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 to supplement the across-the-board  
13 increases in order to achieve a rate necessary to ensure sufficient  
14 levels of service: Family Support; Parenting Time/Supervised Visits;  
15 Travel Time and Distance; Intensive Family Preservation; and Intensive  
16 Family Reunification.